

Information Sheet for Permanent Partial Disability Wage Loss

Data Source

- The following table represents Permanent Partial Disability settlements for fiscal years of injury 2000-2007 and is a *non-random sample of cases*.
- We compare the wage loss modifier used to calculate PPD benefits found in 2,599 claims, or about 25% of the total data set, to the actual wage loss based on Unemployment Insurance wage data.
- Recall that PPD awards = 375 weeks * weekly benefit rate * (Impairment Rating + Modifiers).
- We used the wage loss modifier on orders for settlement.

How to Read This Chart

- The left column represents the Order Wage Loss (WL) modifier.
- For either 10% or 20%, you can follow the rows across to see the number of claims in each Actual WL category.
- Each Actual WL category also shows percentages of those claims that Return to Work (RTW) and/or Return to work at the Time of Injury Employer (RTW-TOI Employer).

Order Wage Loss	Actual Wage Loss					
	0% ₁	RTW-TOI Employer	10% RTW	RTW-TOI Employer	20% RTW	RTW-TOI Employer
10%	124	56%	436 ₂	52% 32%	109 ₄	40% 9%
20%	297	50%	734 ₃	52% 34%	899 ₂	40% 14%

Footnotes:

- This column represents claims that experienced no Actual WL, but received a WL award in their settlement (blue).
- These two groups represent claims where Actual WL equaled Order WL (green).
- This group represents claims where Actual WL was less than the Order WL (orange).
- This group represents claims where Actual WL was more than the Order WL (red).